

Miller Consent Decision for Failure to be Properly Bonded

Washington, DC (April 04, 2001) - On January 22, 2001, Mark A. Miller, d/b/a Miller Cattle Company (Miller), Dodge City, Kansas, entered into a consent decision with the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). Miller operates as a market agency selling livestock on commission and as a dealer buying and selling livestock for his own account.

Miller admitted the jurisdictional allegations of an administrative complaint issued by GIPSA on August 17, 2000. He neither admitted nor denied the remaining allegations, waived oral hearing, and consented and agreed, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision.

Under the terms of the decision, Miller, his agents, and employees, agreed to cease and desist from engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the Packers and Stockyards Act and its regulations without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent. Miller agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Miller previously entered into a consent agreement with GIPSA on February 17, 1999, in which he agreed to cease and desist from operating without maintaining a reasonable bond.

The Packers and Stockyards Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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